

September 21, 2004

RE: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) WORKSHOP

To: Members of Council-Recognized Community Planning Groups:

As a member of a Council-recognized community planning group, you are invited to participate in a workshop on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Development Services Department in conjunction with the Planning Department will hold the CEQA Workshop as part of its ongoing Community Orientation Workshop (COW) series. The CEQA Workshop is scheduled for September 30, 2004 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at 9192 Topaz Way (driving directions attached) in Kearny Mesa.

In addition to an overview of the manner in which the City implements CEQA, topics covered will include:

- A recent, significant court case (Communities for a Better Environment vs. California Resources Agency, http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/cases/2002/CBE_v_RA.html)
- The City's recently adopted Environmental Appeals Regulations Manager's Report: http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/RightSite/getcontent/local.pdf?DMW_OBJECTID=09001451800b0359 and Ordinance: http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/RightSite/getcontent/local.pdf?DMW_OBJECTID=09001451800aef15
- And the City's proposed CEQA Significance Thresholds: <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/news/newslist.shtml> (3rd bullet down).

Please join City staff and other planning group members in a dialogue on CEQA procedures that facilitate broad community participation. The CEQA Workshop will assist attendees in understanding public review opportunities and how to use environmental documents as project review tools.

Please call the Planning Department at (619) 236-6479 to register for this workshop. The agenda and directions to the workshop site are included with this letter. Feel free to contact Lara Evans at (619) 533-6404 if you have any questions about the session.



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